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FIGHTING BREAKS OUT ON TWO NEW RUSSIAN FRONTS

Another Raid on Moscow: Germans Lose Transports

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

MOSCOW, AUG. 3 (UP).—TO-NIGHT'S RUSSIAN COMMUNIQUE STATES THAT HOSTILITIES HAVE DEVELOPED ON TWO NEW FRONTS—AT KOROSTEN, NORTHWEST OF KIEV AND BELOTSEKOV, SOUTHWEST OF KIEV. FOR THE FIRST TIME IN A FORTNIGHT, NO MENTION WAS MADE OF ZHITOMIR. APPARENTLY, THE SMOLENSK SECTOR IS UNCHANGED.

"THE COMMUNIQUE CONTINUES, 'IN THE BALTIC SEA, OUR SHIPS AND AVIATION ATTACKED EIGHT GERMAN TRANSPORTS WHICH WERE BEING ESCORTED BY FIVE DESTROYERS. ONE DESTROYER AND ONE TRANSPORT WERE SUNK, WHILE TWO DESTROYERS AND ONE TRANSPORT WERE DAMAGED. FORTY-ONE GERMAN PLANES WERE DESTROYED AND WE LOST NINETEEN.'

ROYAL NAVY AIDS THE SOVIETS

Operations In The Baltic

STOCKHOLM, Aug. 3 (Reuter).—The presence of large British naval forces in the Arctic combined with big Russian troop concentrations is reported by the Finnish press which suggests that this indicates that the British bombing of Petsamo was not an isolated attack but part of a British-Russian plan for large-scale comprehensive operations in these regions.

FIXING OF THAILAND FRONTIERS Further Delays

TOKYO, Aug. 3 (Reuter).—It is understood that the fixing of the frontier between French Indo-China and Thailand in accordance with the recently concluded Franco-Thailand Peace Treaty will start sometime early in September, says a "Domel" agency dispatch from Saigon.

Japanese delegates to the Thai-French border Delimitation Committee, headed by Mr. Makoto Yano, are now staying at the hotel where they are at present conferring with the French members of the Committee.

The Thai delegates to the Delimitation Committee are due in Saigon on August 6 and first full sitting of the Committee will be held around August 10.

It is expected that throughout August, the Committee will discuss and decide on details of the actual procedure to be taken for fixing the border.

Russian activity on the entire Finnish front is increasing, according to Finnish reports, particularly in the north of Lake Ladoga where the Russians are repeatedly attacking.

The Finns admit that Sordavia is still in Russian hands though it is under fire by Finnish artillery from nearby islands. They believe that the Russian decision to defend Sordavia strongly is due to the necessity to protect the route of evacuation via the isthmus because transport at Lake Ladoga is perilous.

Beyond reports of constant Russian reinforcements, there is little word from Hango but it is believed that the Russians are evacuating towards Hango from Estonia where their troops are hard-pressed.

There seems little change on other fronts except that the Germans claim that all fighting is now taking place further east.

No Special Mission Of De Brinon

VICHY, Aug. 3 (Reuter).—Report that Comte de Brinon, Vichy's delegate-general in occupied France, has been instructed to take back to Paris a "message concerning Franco-German relations" was authoritatively denied here to-day.

His visit to Vichy, it was stated, was concerned simply with the execution of normal business. He had talks with Marshal Petain and Admiral Darlan.

RUSSIAN SPIRITS HIGH

After Six Weeks Of Hard Fighting

MOSCOW, Aug. 3 (Reuter).—"The struggle of the Fascist hordes is entering a new phase of violent and decisive battles but it is already manifest that Hitler's blitzkrieg trump, on which he has staked everything, is beaten," writes the official organ "Izvestia" to-day, reviewing the situation on the eastern front.

"We are not yet saying that the German Fascist army is smashed," frankly says the paper. "The enemy is still strong. Despite huge losses of manpower and equipment, he is still striving to invade new territories. Our troops give way to the Fascist tank units and cut them off from the infantry. The Red Army annihilates the enemy infantry and our air force smashes his tank units."

Parachutists Not Feared

"Parachute troops are usually exterminated where they land. Several times following his favourite methods, the enemy attempted to surround some Red Army units and they valiantly broke through the encirclement and, by skillful manoeuvre, themselves surrounded and annihilated the enemy. The Red Army has learned to smash the enemy."

"Our resistance is growing and gaining strength. Fresh Red Army forces continuously come into line, their courage and valour are unlimited. Forty days of war have enriched the high qualities of the Soviet warriors with wonderful practical fighting experience."

NAZI OFFICIALS LEAVE IRAN

CAIRO, Aug. 3 (Reuter).—It is learned that the German military attaché in Tehran, accompanied by two German Foreign Office officials, reached Ankara from Iran yesterday. Presumably they are en route to Germany.

They crossed the frontier from Iran to Erzerum in the middle of last week.

\$250 FOR STAMPS

Mr. W. S. Morrison, Postmaster General, auctioned for \$250 a set of Gilbert and Ellipse Islands Stamp presented by the King for the Red Cross and St. John Fund.

Moscow Again Raided

MOSCOW, Aug. 3 (UP).—German bombers last night and this morning again raided Moscow during an alarm which lasted three hours. It is officially reported that only a few bombers from several squadrons succeeded in breaking through the defences around the capital.

Night fighters and anti-aircraft guns repelled the others outside Moscow. The raiders dropped incendiary bombs which were immediately extinguished. There was little damage after a fortnight of intermittent raids.

German Claims

FUEHRER'S HEADQUARTERS, Aug. 3 (UP).—A High Command communiqué states that during the annihilation of enemy groups west of Pelpus Lake, 10,000 prisoners and numerous tanks and material were taken.

In other parts of the front, operations continue successfully. Strong Luftwaffe formations bombed military objectives in Moscow last night with good effect.

Italians For Ukraine

ROME, Aug. 3 (UP).—A war correspondent with the Italian Expeditionary Corps in Russia, Signor Francesco Glarizzo of the "Giornale d'Italia," to-day indicated that Italian troops will enter action in the Ukraine shortly. He described the Corps as being completely motorised and extremely manoeuvrable, and added that the greater part of the Italian troops are men, 20 years old, who are "full of enthusiasm and faith."

Preparing For Third Blitz

LONDON, Aug. 3 (Reuter).—The German High Command is preparing for a third blitzkrieg in an attempt to break down the terrific resistance of the Soviet armies.

These preparations account for the more stabilised line which has been

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Our Fighters Over France Down Four Planes

LONDON, Aug. 3 (Reuter).—Aircraft of the fighter Command again carried out many offensive operations over the Channel and northern France to-day. A large number of enemy objectives were attacked. Patrol vessels, aircraft on the ground, troops, gunposts and an aerodrome were raked with machinegun and cannon fire from a low level, and four enemy fighters were shot down. One of our aircraft is missing.

Lone Nazi Raider

LONDON, Aug. 3 (Reuter).—One German aircraft dropped bombs at a place on the southeast coast this afternoon, causing some damage and a small number of casualties, states the Air Ministry.

An enemy bomber, adds the communiqué, was shot down in the Channel by a British fighter this afternoon.

Italian Cruiser Torpedoed

LONDON, Aug. 3 (Reuter).—An Italian six-inch-gun cruiser, either the Eugenio di Savoia or the Emanuele Filiberto Duca d'Aosta, was attacked and torpedoed by a British submarine in the Mediterranean, the Admiralty announced this evening.

The enemy cruiser was accompanied by another six-inch-gun cruiser of the Garibaldi class, both being smoke-screened. Two hits were secured.

Destroyers were observed later clearing the position in which the cruiser had been hit and laying protective smoke-screens.

It is not known whether the enemy cruiser sank.

Other Successes

LONDON, Aug. 3 (Reuter).—Our submarines operating in the Mediterranean have reported further successes, the British Admiralty announces.

Supply vessels of 6,000 and 1,600 tons have been torpedoed and sunk.

A floating dock towed by two tugs and escorted by a destroyer and two torpedo boats was attacked within less than a mile of the Italian coast. The floating dock was hit by at least one torpedo.

Reporting To Tokyo On U.S. Position

WASHINGTON, Aug. 3 (Reuter).—The Japanese Minister, Mr. Kaname Wakasugi is leaving for Tokyo to-morrow. According to Embassy sources he is to make a personal report regarding affairs here to the Japanese Government.

It was explained that the Japanese Ambassador Admiral Nomura had ordered the Minister to make the trip.

Dive Bombers Attack Mediterranean Fleet

CAIRO, Aug. 3 (Reuter).—A large number of Junkers dive-bombers, escorted by Messerschmitt fighters, attacked British warships off the North African coast on Saturday, states an R.A.F. Middle East communiqué.

British fighters intercepted the enemy and one bomber was badly damaged. Three British fighters are missing.

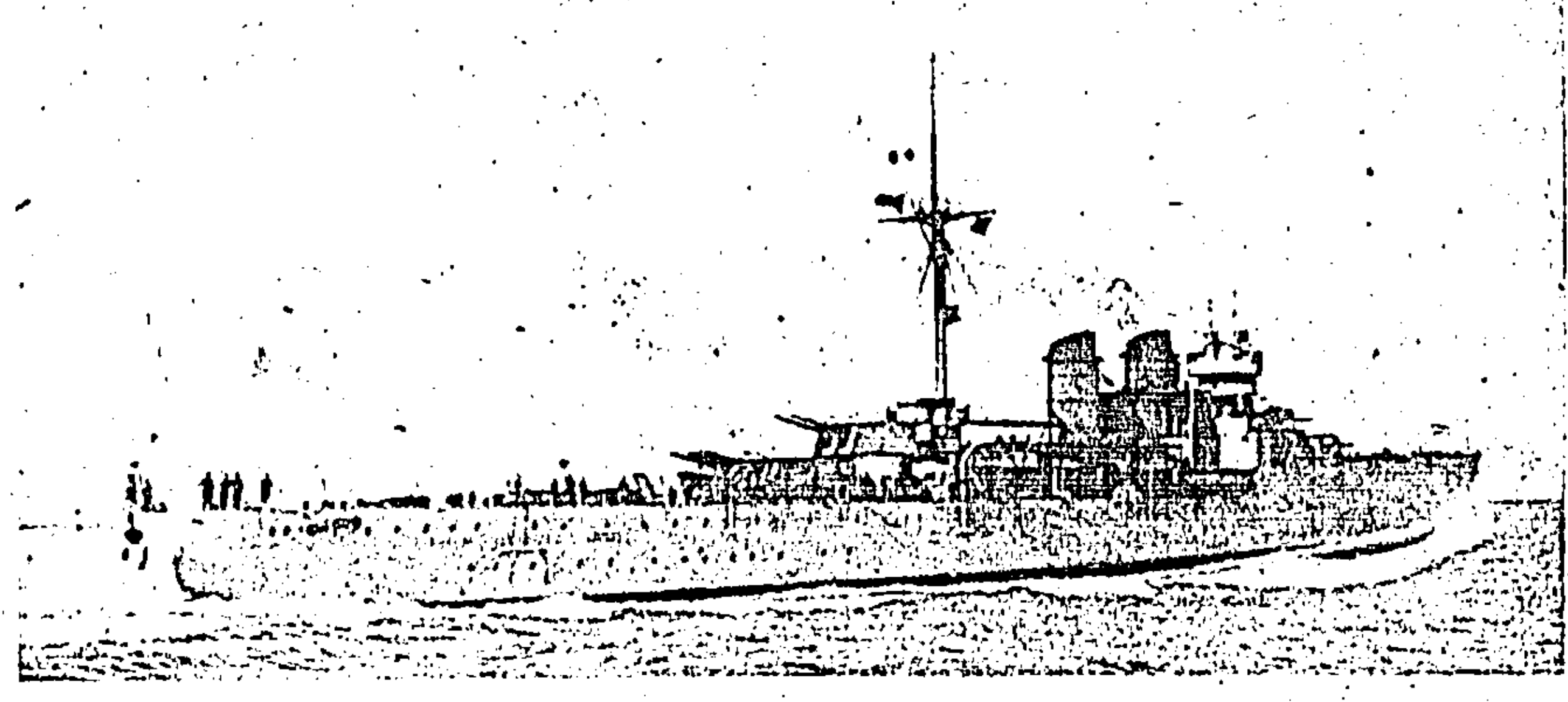
R.A.F. bombers made a heavy night attack on enemy-occupied aerodromes in Crete on Friday for the first time since the British evacuation. At Candia very large explosions followed by an extensive red fire indicated that a petrol dump had been hit.

At Maleg, bombs appeared to explode on a munitions dump as a violent detonation was followed by a great fire which sent clouds of smoke up to 5,000 feet.

When the British aircraft were 40 miles away from the target, the glow

Italian Warship Torpedoed

An Italian cruiser carrying six-inch guns has been torpedoed in the Mediterranean. It is believed to be either the Luigi di Savoia or the Emanuele Filiberto Duca d'Aosta. Here is a striking picture of the Luigi di Savoia.



BERLIN RAID WAS "TERRIFIC"

Air Ministry's Full Story

LONDON, Aug. 3 (Reuter).—A strong force of two and four-engined bombers attacked the heart of Berlin on Saturday night dropping Britain's heaviest bombs.

In giving this news the Air Ministry news service said that Berlin's winter had begun in earnest as there were already enough hours of darkness to bring a really strong force of bombers over the German capital. The German radio's description of this heavy attack as the work of only a few isolated aircraft suggests that the enemy has to live by the anticipation of how much more can be done when there is, yet more darkness.

Though cloudy over the North Sea the sky was clear over Central Germany and while the moon was setting and gave no help to the British aircraft as they approached, flares revealed many landmarks to the crews and they aimed their heaviest bombs at the heart of Berlin.

The attack was made from all directions and as soon as the first bomb had fallen gunfire began. Berlin had greatly increased the number of searchlights.

The pilot of a Stirling four-engined bomber said: "We saw searchlights when we were forty miles from Berlin. We sneaked in between them, arrived over the outskirts of Berlin at 1.30 a.m. and bombed at 1.54 a.m. In that time we had made a circular tour over most of Central Berlin."

There were a good number of bombers over the city at the same time.

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PERU SNUBS GERMANY

Abrogates Gentlemen's Diplomatic Agreement

LIMA, Aug. 3 (Reuter).—Peru has decided to cancel the 1925 agreement with Germany of exchange of diplomatic bags for official correspondence.

Official notification has been sent to the German Minister here. The ground given is that the German Government has failed to observe the agreement by using the bags for purposes other than that laid down in the agreement.

Argentine Incident

LONDON, Aug. 3 (Reuter).—The Peruvian Government's step is presumably the sequel to the discovery in Argentina of a wireless transmitting set in a diplomatic bag consigned from the German Legation in Lima to the Embassy at Buenos Aires.

Attack On Britain Less Likely

MEEBOURNE, Aug. 3 (Reuter).—Prime Minister Mr. Menzies stated here that "the prospect of a major German attack on Britain in 1941 has probably gone and we are entering the phase in which we shall begin to win the war. Sacrifice and a great national effort are still needed."

of the fire could still be seen over the high intervening mountains.

Enemy Shipping Hit

Earlier during Friday, British bombers attacked enemy shipping at Lampedusa Island. Two merchant vessels of about 3,000 tons each were hit by several bombs and the wreckage could be seen flying high into the air.

Bombers also attacked and silenced machine-gun posts. Other aircraft also attacked a number of Savona bombers on the aerodrome at Borizzo, Sicily, where one enemy aircraft was destroyed and a large number badly damaged. On aircraft has not returned from these operations.

Typhoon Threat Remains

The typhoon threat to the Colony has not yet been removed and at 10.30 a.m. the No. 1 Typhoon signal, which was hoisted on Sunday morning, was still up.

The typhoon is now in Lat 21, Long 112 moving north. This position places the disturbance 130 miles west-south-west of the Colony. Last night the typhoon was about 400 miles from Hongkong west-north-west.

From 11 a.m. yesterday to 8 a.m. today there has been 1.10 ins of rain.



Fire which broke out on Sunday night seriously damaged sections of the N.Y.K. offices on the Praya. This picture shows firemen playing water on a wrecked office. Police are continuing to investigate the origin of the blaze. Photo by Wah-Kiu-Studio.

POWERFUL N.E.I. DEFENCES

Bristle At Strategic Points

Special to the "Telegraph"

MOJI, Aug. 3 (Domei).—Indicating that the Dutch East Indies are not taking any chances against invasion, approximately 100 Japanese engineers who arrived from there aboard a Japanese liner on Friday, informed the newspaper "Asahi" that fortified works three and four layers deep bristle along strategic points on the Java coast.

In some places, barbed wire obstructions can be seen in the sea as a first line of defence, they said, with rows of pill boxes, barbed wire entanglements and picket fences studding the coast line to the rear.

Authorities have requisitioned dwellings for look-out posts and have cut off sections of railways and placed destructive mechanical devices at various bridges. Japanese firms in the Dutch Indies are not subjected to pressure, but are gradually finding it difficult to conduct business. There is a ban on entrance into oil field areas and travelling recently has become increasingly difficult. The authorities are recruiting natives for military service and also organising mechanised and motorised forces entirely composed of whites.

Japanese Bombing In Hunan

HENGKANG, Aug. 3 (Central News).—Important towns in West and South Hunan were subjected to devastating bombings by a total of 71 Japanese bombers in five groups this morning.

Twenty-six machines raided Hengyang around noon dumping a number of bombs on both the east and west banks of the Slang River. Meanwhile 45 other aircraft bombed Changsha, Sianing, Chuchow, Liling and Chikiang.

A Japanese scouting plane passed over Hunan heading for Kwangsi to conduct reconnaissance there early in the morning.

Chinese Recapture Chaoyang
SHIUKWAN, Aug. 4 (Central News).—Chinese forces recaptured Chaoyang, important east Kwangtung city, on August 1, according to an urgent military despatch from the front. The Japanese there have withdrawn in the direction of Swatow.

Gestapo Killed Incurables

During September, October and November last year, 8,500 blind, incurably ill or aged Germans were put to death by the Gestapo. This information has been received by the Vatican from an unnamed German bishop.

At first old and incurable people were killed by the injection of small quantities of poison, but later, finding poison expensive, the Nazis resorted to the use of gas chambers. Then found a simpler and cheaper method still—the injection of air bubbles into the veins.



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Australia's Concern In Pacific

SYDNEY, Aug. 3 (Reuter).—The Australian Army Minister, Mr P. C. Spender, warned the Australians that they must be alert to the danger "which might spring over the northern horizon to-morrow."

Speaking at a recruiting rally, he said that Australia must reach the maximum military strength as soon as possible. The last three or four months' improvement in Australia's military efficiency was very striking evidence of her seriousness of purpose. A big section of the military forces was now doing full time duty. All were ready for full mobilisation at short notice. Serious measures had been taken to meet a serious situation.

There was still too much sport throughout Australia, declared Mr Spender, who added "we must cease playing in sunshine while a cloud of destruction gathers around us."

Pacific Fleet
SYDNEY, Aug. 3 (Reuter).—The help the U.S. Navy was giving Great Britain in the Atlantic would enable Great Britain to send a fleet to the Pacific if needed, declared the Australian Navy Minister Mr W. M. Hughes at a recruiting rally to-day.

Against Japan
SYDNEY, Aug. 3 (Reuter).—Sir Eric Stirling, Commonwealth Minister for External Affairs, in a statement to-day corrects the impression in some quarters that Australia is not taking part in trade restrictions directed against Japan to the extent that the other Dominions are participating.

He explained that there have been no trade agreements between Australia and Japan since 1936 but simply trade arrangements so that no normal notification is required. Japanese balances in Australia have been frozen for some time past and commercial transactions between the two countries have been conducted on a sterling basis. The freezing of Japanese balances by Britain and the United States has therefore, he says, automatically prevented further trade between Australia and Japan. No separate and specific action by Australia is necessary beyond the routine notification to the banks.

FIRING NOTICE

Guns In Action This Week

Light gun firing practice will be carried out to-day, to-morrow and August 6 and 8 between the hours of 6 p.m. and 12 midnight. Firing Areas "D" and "E" will be affected. Heavy Anti-aircraft gun practice will be carried out to-morrow between the hours of 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. in the Western area of the Island. Firing Areas "D" and "E" will be affected. Alternative dates—August 6 and 7, 1941.

Light gun firing practice will be carried out on August 10, 1941, between the hours of 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Firing Area "C" will be affected.

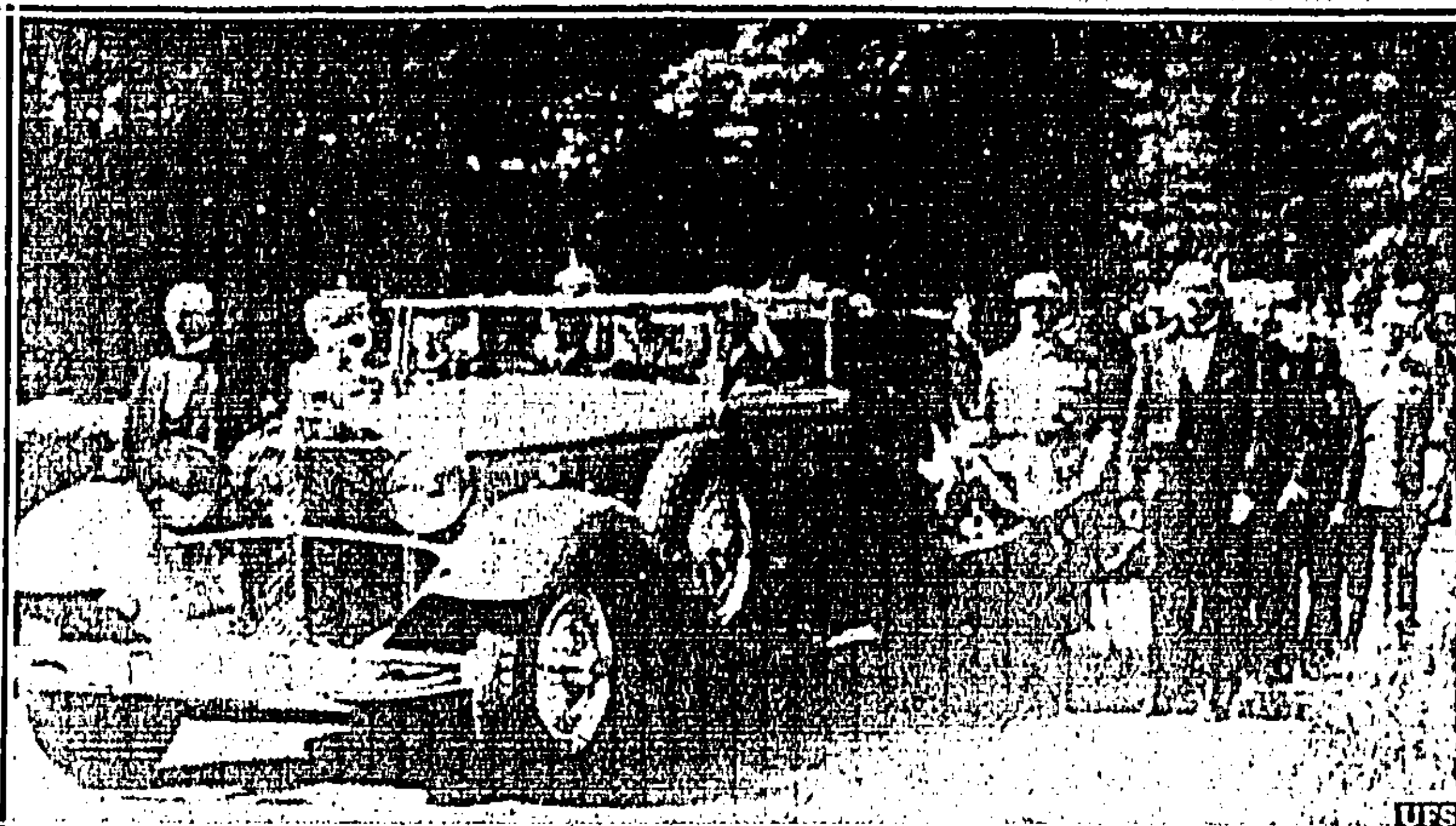
Dutch Intercept French Ship

BATAVIA, Aug. 3 (Reuter).—The French steamer Duplex, coming from Indo-China, was intercepted by a Dutch warship and conducted to Tandjungpriok for further inspection of her cargo.

The Duplex is a vessel of 7,135 tons.

ROME STATUE REMOVED

The bronze statue of the Emperor Marcus Aurelius seated on a horse, which has stood on the Capitall in Rome for four centuries, has been taken away. It will be recalled that Mr Churchill warned the Axis recently that Rome would be bombed if the Germans bombed either Athens or Cairo.



rites in exile—Body of former Kaiser Wilhelm borne through park on his estate in Doorn, The Netherlands. Last ruler of Imperial Germany was buried in simple rites on estate where he lived in exile 23 years.

Shots At Italian King May Be A Deep Plot By The Germans

An attempt to assassinate King Victor Emmanuel of Italy, kept secret for seven days, but officially announced recently, may prove to be part of a German plot to remove an important obstacle to the complete taking over of Italy by Hitler, writes a diplomatic correspondent of the "Daily Herald."

No better time from the Nazis' point of view could have been chosen for such an attempt. There has been ever-growing resentment among the Italian people against Mussolini and the Fascist Party for the past few weeks at the failure of the Italian military effort.

The news that the Duke of Aosta, Italian Viceroy of Abyssinia, had been forced to capitulate, finally brought home to them the idleness of Mussolini's boasts.

The natural bent of the people in the circumstances has been to turn to the monarchy for leadership.

Despite the Fascist communiques on the progress of the war, the people have long realised that without German aid their armies in Albania would have been crushed by the Greeks. They had the bitterness of hearing of the annihilation of their army in Cyrenaica in the British drive; they heard that their East African empire had been finally vanquished.

Germans Disliked

The Germans are disliked not only by the people who see Nazis in control at many places but by the Fascists themselves.

The Fascists have had to see their Fleet sacrificed at Malapan to enable the Germans to get to Libya; they realise that Hitler has done a deal with Vichy over Italian claims against France; they have been refused recognition of Greece as a sphere of Italian influence.

While the Nazis would be glad to see the end of Mussolini and the Fascist Party, it would not suit them to see a restoration to real power of the monarchy.

Without either Mussolini or a king the complete domination of the country would be an easy matter.

That their instrument of execution on this occasion failed them must be a bitter disappointment.

Young Greek

The official Rome version of the assassination attempt is that it occurred in Albania on May 17 when King Victor was riding in a car with M. Vlachos, the Quisling Premier, to Tirana's airport after a week's tour of the country.

A young Greek, Mihanov Vasilaki, "annoyed because he had failed to secure a job under the new Albanian Government," fired five shots at the car. All went wide, although one hit one of the back tyres of the car.

"He was saved from being lynched by the crowds lining the route," added the Rome communique, "through prompt action in arresting him."

Vasilaki, it is stated, wore Albanian national peasant costume in order not to attract attention, a white peasant jacket with a red, black Skanderbeg jacket, woollen pompons, and thirty white breeches with a pair of shoes said to have been made from motor-car tyres.

He carried the gun—a small weapon—inside his shirt.

Rome's explanation of the reason for delaying the news was that it had been withheld "while the assassin was questioned."

"His trial is imminent and will occur before a tribunal of the armed forces in Albania," it was added.

Political Situation In India

BOMBAY, Aug. 3 (Reuter).—Important matters relating to the political situation, the war and the recent Raj announcements of expansion of the Executive Council, etc., for discussion at a meeting of the Standing Committee of the Princes' Chamber on August 4.

Autumn Session
SIMLA, Aug. 3 (Reuter).—Fourteen sittings are provided for the autumn session of the Central Legislative Assembly commencing on October 27.

This will be the first session in which the recently-appointed non-official members of the Viceroy's Executive Council will be participating in an official capacity.

Rationing Petrol
SIMLA, Aug. 3 (Reuter).—Reduction of no less than 20 per cent. of the total monthly consumption of petrol in India or about 10,000,000 gallons, is expected to result from the rationing scheme which will be enforced on August 15.

Leather Works
SIMLA, Aug. 3 (Reuter).—A decision to constitute two leather manufacturing factories in Bengal and the United Provinces owing to the demand for harness, saddlery equipment, etc., for the Army is announced.

Pinpricking In Peiping

PEIPING, Aug. 3 (Reuter).—The United States Embassy has protested to the Japanese Embassy against certain anti-American activities such as refusing to deliver registered luggage at railway stations, interference with postal matters, picketing firms at Tsingtao and elsewhere, etc.

It should be noted that none of these Japanese activities, from which the British are suffering equally, has any connection with the freezing of assets but merely the usual though intensified manifestations of Japanese bad temper and the commitments of every Japanese "anti" movement to which British communities in North China have been intermediately exposed during the last three years.

FIFTY-FIFTY

A plump, middle-aged insurance agent named Samuel Brumell told a Los Angeles judge recently that his wife, Lillian, had lent him out to another woman for \$10,000. He thought he was entitled to a divorce and at least half of the \$10,000.

Aussies And Tommies To Train In Burma

RANGOON, Aug. 3 (Reuter).—Picked men from British and Australian troops in Malaya arrived in Rangoon this afternoon to undergo intensive training in bush warfare.

The contingent will be joined in Burma by selected men from newly-formed independent companies and will proceed to a school "somewhere in Burma" to receive training, enabling them to make lightning movements through enemy country. The Abyssinian campaign furnishes examples of the brilliant successes of such independent units. Burma is able to provide every sort

of terrain suitable for training in bush warfare. The arrival of the contingent from Malaya and the setting up of a special school mark the close collaboration existing between the various Commonwealth units in the Far East in defence against aggression. The Australian contingent is the first armed unit from the Dominion to arrive in Burma. They were welcomed aboard their steamer by the G.O.C., Lieut-General D. K. McLeod.

U.S. Child Population Declines

A precipitous decline in the birth rate of the United States has brought about for the first time in the country's history a decrease in the number of children, Dr Louis I. Dublin, Vice-President of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, told the annual meeting of the American Institute of Actuaries.

At the same time Dr Dublin presented a study made jointly with Mortimer Spiegelman of the same company which showed that infant mortality has declined by 45 per cent over the last 20 years. The mortality rate of children between one and 14 years of age has decreased 60 per cent during the same period, the report said.

In the years 1920-20 infant mortality declined 23 per cent and in 1930-39 there was a 30 per cent decrease, he said.

There were 32,900,000 children under the age of 15 in the United States in 1940, 3,200,000 less than in 1930, Dr Dublin said. In spite of a general population increase, the present trend indicates the 1950 number of children in the United States will be 31,000,000, or 5,100,000 under the 1930 total, Dr Dublin reported.

300 STRICKEN AT PICNIC

Perplexed authorities of Williamsport (Pennsylvania) recently sought the cause of a mystery ailment which suddenly struck down 300 men and women as it swept through a throng of 5,000 adults at the height of a picnic outing.

Commander-in-Chief, George Lamade of the Williamsport Masonic Consistory, which sponsored the fête, said some medical leaders attributed the wave of illness to food poisoning. Detective Joseph M. Schumaker, however, declared this uncertain and ordered an analysis of food, ice cream and soft drinks served.

The picnicers were sprawled over the lawn of former State Senator Charles W. Sones' nearby 200-acre estate when stricken, during the principal address of the occasion, programme halted immediately and the gala scene within a matter of minutes turned into what resembled an emergency hospital.

Doctors and nurses among the crowd volunteered to attend the sick, who overflowed the three-storey Sones mansion. Many men sought refuge from 85-degree heat in nearby woods, where they collapsed. Ambulances in the area were not sufficient to rush the stricken to medical aid and fire trucks, stripped of hose and ladders, and hearses were pressed into service.

Forty-five persons were admitted to hospitals, but none was considered in serious condition.

AXIS DEER FOR WHIPSNADE

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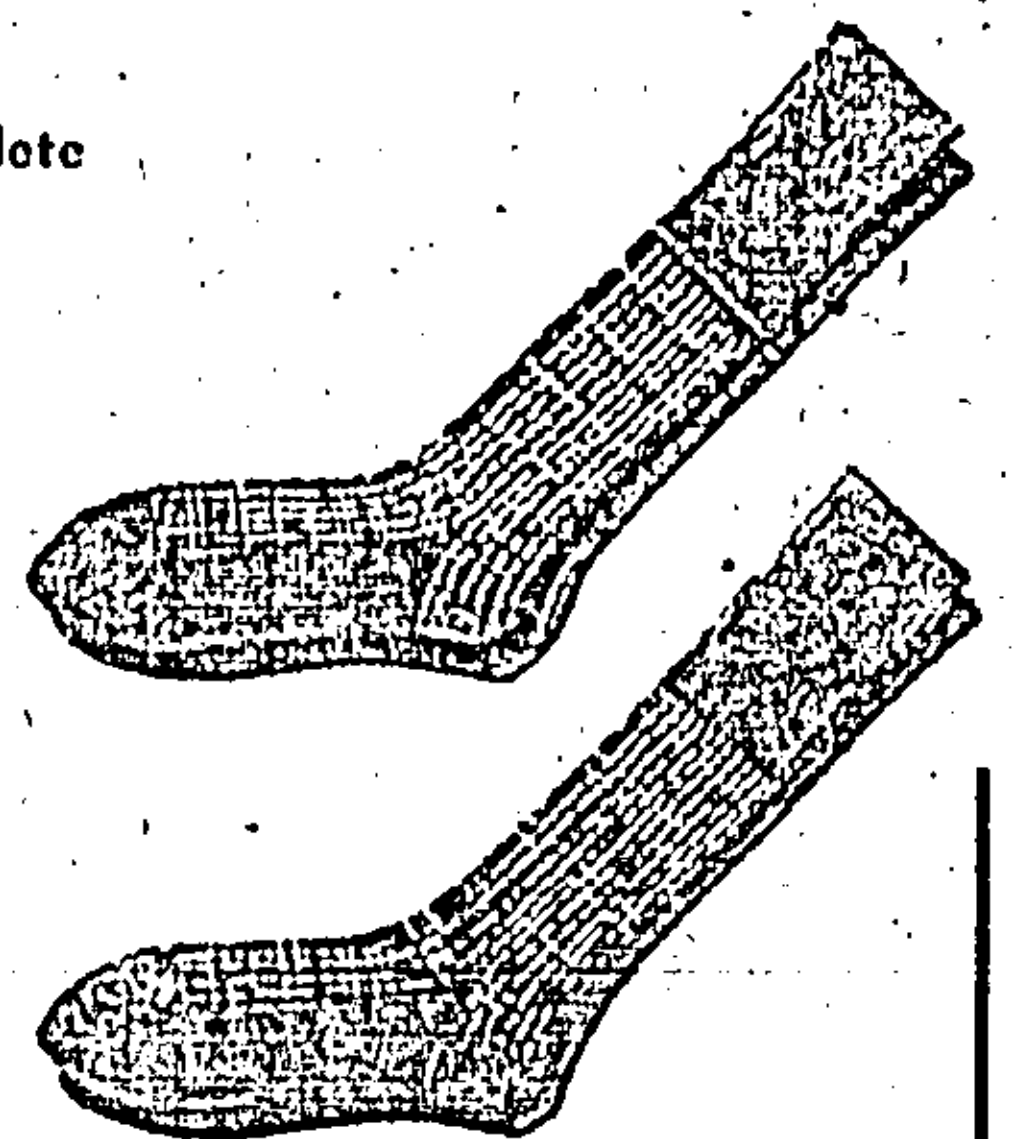
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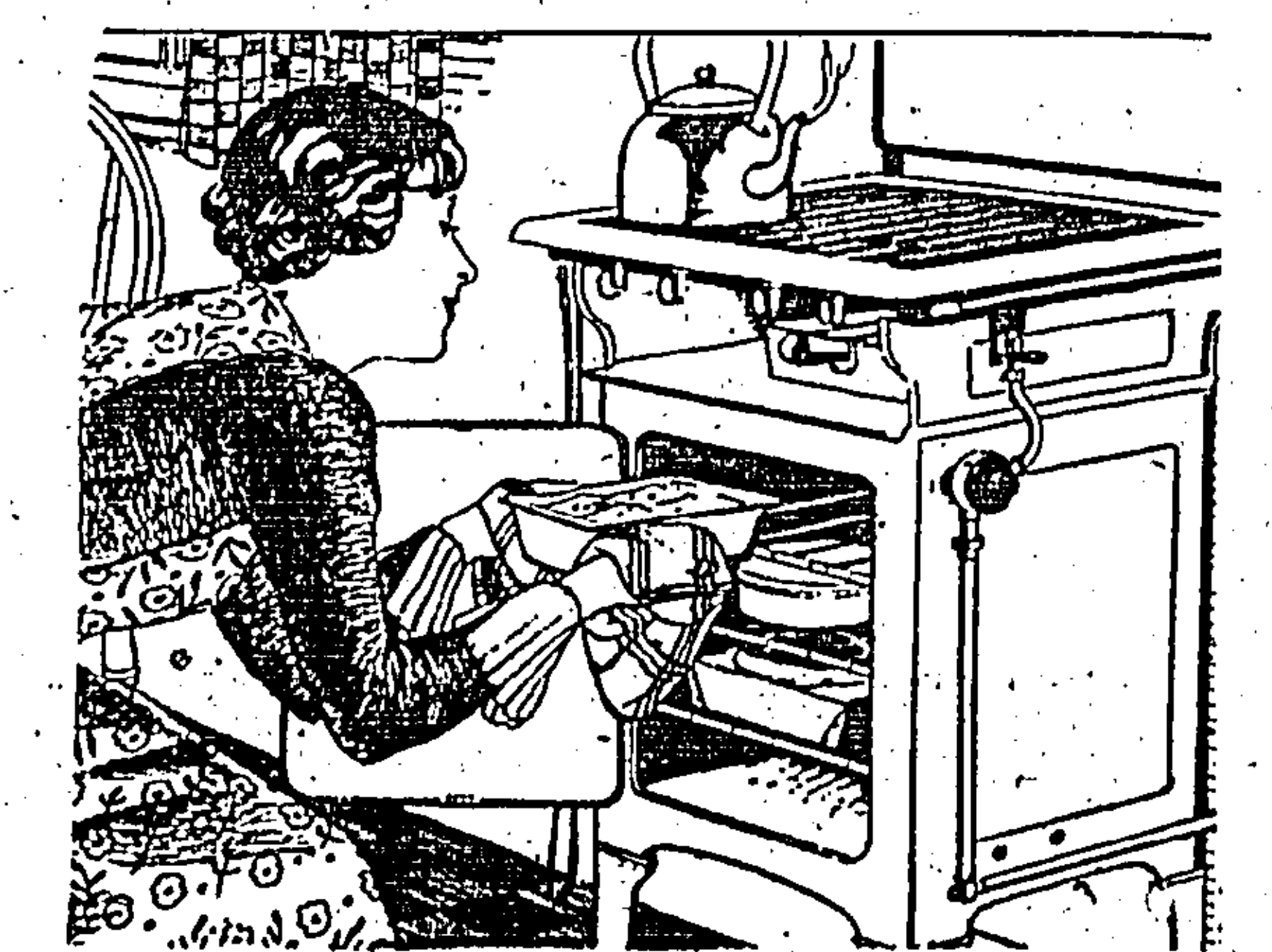
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Test Mobilisation

A test mobilisation by members of the Auxiliary Fire Service (except telephonists) was held at five divisional headquarters yesterday morning, when amateur firemen turned out in large numbers at the posts at Des Voeux Road Central, Wanchai, West Point, and at two posts in Kowloon, for inspection. Members of the service had been previously advised by letter to attend.

The inspections in Hongkong were carried out by Mr D. H. Blake, 433 enemy planes have been destroyed in all theatres of war for the loss of 308 British—British Wireless.

PLANE LOSSES IN JULY

London, Aug. 2. Examination of the published figures of Axis aircraft losses in operations against Britain during the first seven months of 1941, shows that more than 2,600 have been destroyed by Britain alone.

The figures for July, as far as can be ascertained at present, show that 433 enemy planes have been destroyed in all theatres of war for the loss of 308 British—British Wireless.

MONDAY MORNING COMMENTARY

Cricket Practice Will Soon Begin

Falling Interest Among Local Players

Hopes For New Season

(By "Tinker")

IN JUST OVER A MONTH, nets in most Clubs will be raised and once again cricket will get into its stride with, it is hoped, a little greater enthusiasm than was shown last year. In many ways, the falling off of interest—except in the Kowloon Cricket Club—is rather odd, for there are no outstanding reasons for it. Volunteer and other military duties have caused a certain amount of interference, but not to the extent that the general attitude would indicate.

I would place no blame in any particular quarter, but to most cricketers it is obvious that now, if ever, is the time for the League Committee—there being no Association—to show a little more initiative and do something to revive interest. It was all right in the "good old days" when people were really keen—the League and cricket affairs in general ran themselves. There was never any lack of players even for intra-Club games, but last year a number of Clubs had difficulty in turning out sides for the League.

It would be idle to compare the Football Association with our Cricket body for actually they have little in common. The first named positively "sparks" with energy. The Cricket League holds an annual meeting once a year and then fades from human ken. I know that football has taken hold of a great number of people and that the F.A. feels that its efforts are appreciated by that host when anything is done to further the progress of soccer in Hongkong. It is a great incentive.

I also know that when the Cricket League last made efforts to arrange a representative game—Island v. Mainland, I think it was—the response was very poor. But personal thoughts are that the response was quite in keeping with the apathetic condition into which cricketers had been allowed to lapse.

That set-back was enough to put an end to further activity on the part of the League Committee—which itself showed that the guiding spirit was none too high. And if such was the extent of enthusiasm in the ruling body what could be expected from its followers?

And the League cannot justify itself by pointing out that there are already sufficient representative games in being. The Civilian Clubs for out-number the Army-Navy-Hongkong C.C. trio and if all were given equal opportunity there might be a far greater turnout.

Notice the might, for I am sceptical about what just ordinary efforts will accomplish. It will take more than preliminary overtures to shake people up. The effort must be active and sustained.

A FEW years ago there was quite a bit of agitation for a double League programme. That was when players were keen and would have undoubtedly have carried it through, but when it came to the time for putting the motion to the vote, several were lacking in spirit and simply fell in with what seemed to be a minority. Friendly cricket was not condemned, but it had reached a greatly depreciated value and it was desired to place it on an inferior footing to the League. The one-match-system was felt to be unsatisfactory.

Baseball

U.S.S. Mindanao Assured Of League Pennant

VIRTUALLY putting the League pennant in the well-known "bag", U.S.S. Mindanao—the mighty "M"—trounced Chung Hwa Maroons 14-1 in the only local League Baseball game at Chatham Road over the week-end.

Up to the end of the fourth, the "M" were leading by only 3-1, but in the fifth and seventh cantos they ran riot and crossed with five and six tallies in these innings respectively. The "Six" Powlawski soup-bone was in working order again, and ten of the Maroons fanned, the old maestro permitting only three scattered hits throughout the match.

Scores were:
Mindanao: 2 2 1 0 3 0 0 14
Chung Hwa: 1 1 0 2 0 2 0 8
Runs: 2 1 1 0 2 0 2 8
Hits: 2 1 1 0 2 0 2 8
Errors: 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 1

It is a sad thing to say that the overwhelming superiority of the K.C.C. last year had its effect on the progress of the League. Had the home and away system been in operation, the game would have been kept alive for at least double its last year's life. For one of the principle encouragements of the process would have been anticipations of reversing decisions in the return engagements. However, the present time is a bad one in which to bring up the League for last year there were a number of teams that were unable to complete their fixtures. This, not through the majority of players being unable to turn out, but through the absence of just that sufficient number to upset everything.

And there were thus a number of cricketers who were left hanging. Clubs did their best for them but they spent a generally poor season.

Representative games don't have to be between sides of inter-club strength—that was the reason for the cancellation of the previously mentioned Island-Mainland game—for it would then boil down to a series of games for only the top-notchers which would not solve the problem.

Turn to soccer again. There is the Junior Leagues, Junior Shield games and even a Junior Inter-club match. What does the Cricket League offer to the Juniors apart from their League?

Military "Reign" In Bombay—Ends

BOMBAY, Aug. 3 (Reuter).—The long run of successes of military teams since 1909 in Bombay's senior football League was broken this week-end with the Y.M.C.A. XI winning the Harrow League cup average from the military team who were the previous holders.

The "Y" were also the first civilian side to succeed in 1909.

'Spurs Triumph Over Hearts In Charity Match

EDINBURGH, Aug. 2 (Reuter).—An attractive Charity Football match was held here to-day when the Arsenal beat Hearts of Midlothian by a second-half goal scored by Kirichen.

There has been only a little break in Scottish Football at the Summer Cup competition finished only three weeks ago and next Saturday (August 9) will see the start of the Scottish League with a full programme ushering in the new season.

The game at Edinburgh to-day attracted a gathering of 20,000 spectators who watched the Hearts enjoy a better first-half against an Arsenal defence which was very often worried.

Goalie Magnificent

Marks, in the Arsenal goal, gave a magnificent display and saved a penalty late in the first half. The Hearts continued to dominate the attack after the interval, but the Arsenal defence held solid and after half an hour Crayston beat the Hearts' goalkeeper only for Miller to kick the ball off the goal-line.

Ten minutes from the end of the game, following positional changes by the Arsenal team, Kirichen broke through to net the deciding goal.

China Loses Soccer "Test" Series

Sydney, Aug. 2. China, represented by the touring Eastern-Sing Tao Football team, lost the home and final Association Football Test match against Australia to-day when they were beaten by eight goals to four.—Reuter.

China won the First Test at Melbourne 6-4; lost the Second Test at Sydney 2-4; won the Third Test at Sydney 2-1; lost the Fourth Test at Newcastle 2-5. They have scored 10 goals and have had 23 scored against them in the Series.

Several Changes Shown In Small-bore League Table

Some striking changes are shown this week-end in the Hongkong Rifle Association's Miniature Rifle Section's League standings. The Rajput "B" and "E" teams have more or less reversed their positions, the former moving from 11th to 5th place and the latter, having lost their first match of the season, from 4th to 10th.

The Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps "A" team has been unlucky in its fixtures to date, for despite scores of 334 and 337 in the last two fixtures, its opponents have chalked up slightly better ones.

Royal Scots "C" Coy "A" team, having lost their first match of the season, are no doubt awaiting the result of the Police "A" versus Police Reserve match, completed this week, in the struggle for First Division leadership.

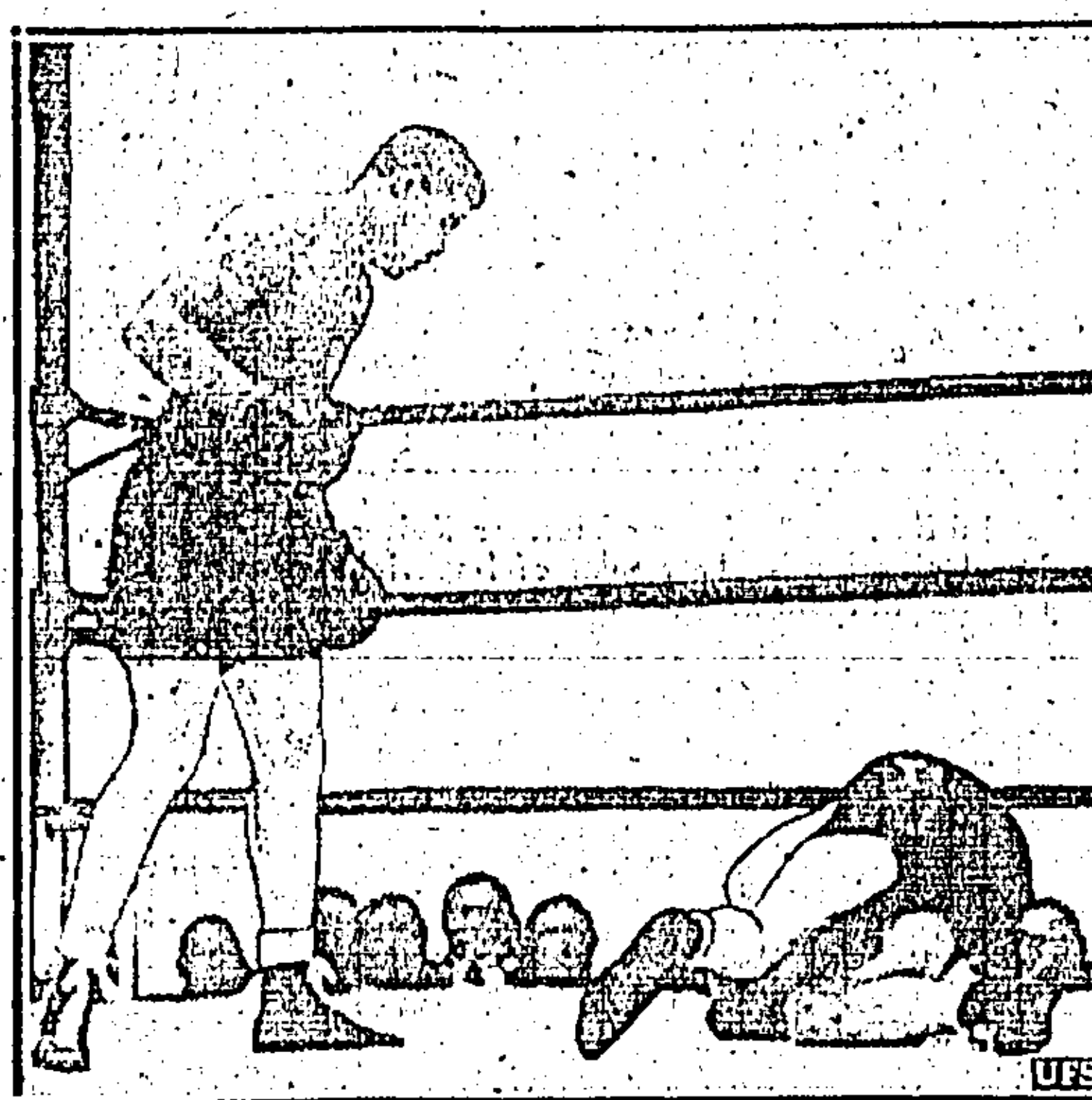
Individual Scores

The highest individual Open Sight scores of the latest period, from July 13 to July 27, are as follows:

Pte Jennings (Middlesex "A") 94; C. S. M. Stanford (R. Scots "C" Coy "A" team) 94; W. O. Tollison (R.A.F. 93; Capt C. E. Olway, R.E. (40th Fortress Engineers) 93; Sgt Wall (Police "A") 92; R. H. Rameswar Singh (Rajput "A") 92.

The latest results for the same period as above are as follows:

FIRST DIVISION	
2nd (F) Coy R.E. 328 v. 2nd/14th Punjab "B" 324	227
5th/7th Rajput "A" 341 v. Royal Scots "D" 332	222
5th/7th Rajput "B" 340 v. Royal Scots "C" 330	217
A. Middlesex "A" 330 v. H.K.R.N.V.R. "A" 327	217
5th/7th Rajput "B" 330 v. Middlesex "A" 327	217
Royal Scots "B" 320 v. 2nd/14th Punjab "A" 317	217
5th/7th Rajput "D" 322 v. Middlesex "C" 319	217
Royal Scots "C" Coy "A" 333 v. 5th/7th Rajput "B" 324	217
Royal Scots "D" 341 v. H.K.R.N.V.R. "A" 334	217
40th (F) Coy R.E. 334 v. H.K. Police "A" 330	217
H.K. Police "A" 340 v. H.K.V.D.C. "A" 330	217
R.A.F. "B" 310 v. H.K.P. Reserve 344	217
2nd/14th Punjab "A" 311 v. 2nd/14th Punjab "B" 308	217
H.K.V.D.C. "A" 334 v. 2nd (F) Coy R.E. 340	217
H.K. Reserve 350 v. 5th/7th Rajput "A" 344	217
2nd/14th Punjab "B" 315 v. 2nd/14th Punjab "C" 312	217
Royal Scots H.Q. Coy "A" 319 v. Royal Scots "B" 317	217
5th/7th Rajput "A" 344 v. H.K.R.N.V.R. "A" 341	217
Middlesex "A" 342 v. 5th/7th Rajput "C" 314	217



HE WINS AGAIN—Champion Joe Louis was worried for few minutes, in bout with Billy Conn, in New York, but final result was same as in 17 other title bouts. Joe won—in 13th round. Here's key, with Conn hitting canvas.

Miss Ko Miu-ling Breaks National Sprint Record

H.K.U. Wins Triangular Meet

SATURDAY NIGHT was gala night for several bathing Clubs in the Colony, and foremost of the functions was the triangular meet—University-South China-Chinese B.C.—at North Point.

League Basketball

Chinese Y.M.C.A. quinette trounced Trojans on Saturday night at Waterloo Road in the Open Basketball League 66-12 after leading 35-10 at the interval. Points for the winners were scored through Wong Wai-hung (12), Li Fok-see (12), Chung Kim-yeo (10), Luk Tak-sheung (8), Chan Wah-chin (6), Man Tai-kwong (6), Wong Kong-chul (6) and So Pak-fai (6), while B. Neves (6), Beltrami (4) and T. Silva (2) netted for the losers.

The League match between Black Cats and Bank Union had to be abandoned, owing to the heavy rain. The former were leading by 23 points to 14 when the match was stopped.

At the fourth Hongkong and Kowloon Residents' Union gala at Laichikok, Miss Ko Miu-ling bettered the National 50 metres mark of 36 seconds by one fifth of a second.

Charles Huang had little opposition over the 400 metres at the Triangular Meet and in addition took first place in the 100 metres, though in neither case was the time outstanding.

Third big individual effort was that of Miss Celeste Guterres at the V.R.C. Members' Gala, in the 50 yards free-style beating Miss Jacqueline Anderson by a touch.

Triangular Meet

There was a fairly large gathering at North Point for the three-way meet in aid of the Chinese Youth Medical Relief Fund. The University took first place, winning six of the eight events.

Charles Huang captured the 100 and 400 metres free-style events; Ng Chun-man took the 50 metres sprint; Wong Yat-hung (H.K.U.) won the 100 metres breast-stroke; while the "Varsity" also gained first places in the 200 metres relay and the 150 members' medley relay.

Ho Pun-kan (S.C.A.), swimming in the orthodox style, won first place for South China, and their first win of the evening, in the 200 metres breast-stroke.

first in the remaining event—the 100 metres back-stroke.

As anticipated, Miss Li Po-luen had little difficulty in winning the 200 metres breast-stroke Open to the Colony, while Miss Ho Wai-king, C.B.C. star, took first place in the 100 metres free-style, also Open to the Colony.

Unofficial Record

CHINA'S National record for the women's 50 metres—39 seconds—established by the then Miss Yeung Sau-king at Shanghai in 1935, was again bettered when Miss Ko Miu-ling (Lai Tsun Union) covered the distance in 35.4 seconds at the H.K. and K. Residents' Union gala at Laichikok.

This record, however, has several times been either equalled or bettered by swimmers in Hongkong over the past few years.

Fine Finish

OUTSTANDING effort at the V.R.C. Members' gala was the victory of Miss C. Guterres over Miss Jackie Anderson in the 50 yards Handicap. Both started at "go", but Miss Guterres was delighted her supporters and surprised others by getting home by a touch in 31.5 seconds.

In the 25 yards back-stroke, however, Miss Anderson had revenge, taking first place, while Miss Guterres was third.

Fourth Gala

Fourth gain of the week-end was that of the Chinese Athletic Association at North Point, but times were nothing startling, though contests were rather close.

FIRST DIVISION—OPEN SIGHTS	
H.K. Police "A" 340	217
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Draws For Pairs And Rinks Lawn Bowls Championships

THOUGH yesterday's games in the Rinks Lawn Bowls Championship were washed out by the present typhoon rain, the draw has been made for the quarter final matches of that tournament, together with the Third Round ties of the Pairs Competition.

The Rink games will be played on Sunday next, provided that the games of yesterday are completed before then, while the Pairs matches will be played on Thursday, August 7.

PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP

THURSDAY, AUGUST 7
At Kowloon C.C.—C. M. da Silva and P. X. Soares v. H. R. Finna and B. Haato. At Kowloon C.C.—T. A. Madar and A. E. P. Guest v. A. Eastman and W. C. Simpson. At Kowloon C.C.—V. V. Ribeiro v. J. A. Remedios and L. A. Gutierrez. At Police R.C.—D. A. Rozario and J. S. Lam v. W. McNeill and P. A. Peckham. At A. M. Omar and U. M. Omar v. J. McCutcheon and G. Goward. At Kowloon C.C.—J. V. Ramsay and G. D. Coleman v. G. V. McGrath and V. H. Freeman v. C. F. Van and J. C. Remedios. E. G. Post v. W. Cameron v. C. R. Pereira and P. X. M. da Silva. At Kowloon C.C.—W. L. Walker and R. Duncan v. A. M. Holland and R. C. Hamilton or A. E. Costa and D. W. Bradbury.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 8

At Kowloon C.C.—J. F. V. Ribeiro v. C. E. Marques and J. E. Noronha. T. Coleman and P. Youngman v. A. F. Kow and Y. S. Tang. At Kowloon C.C.—J. Williamson and C. B. M. Thon v. A. Stoven and J. A. H. H. Selby or C. Witterton and J. B. Harris and W. Gill. At Kowloon C.C.—J. M. Ecclesall and J. Shepherd v. G. E. F. Thompson and V. Searle or I. Gittins and W. J. Howard. W. Burling and J. N. Rakusen v. N. J. Debbington and J. P. MacGowan v. J. Dasto and G. M. Dasto. At Civil Service—S. R. Solina and M. A. Abba.

Boxers Plan New "Battle of Atlantic"

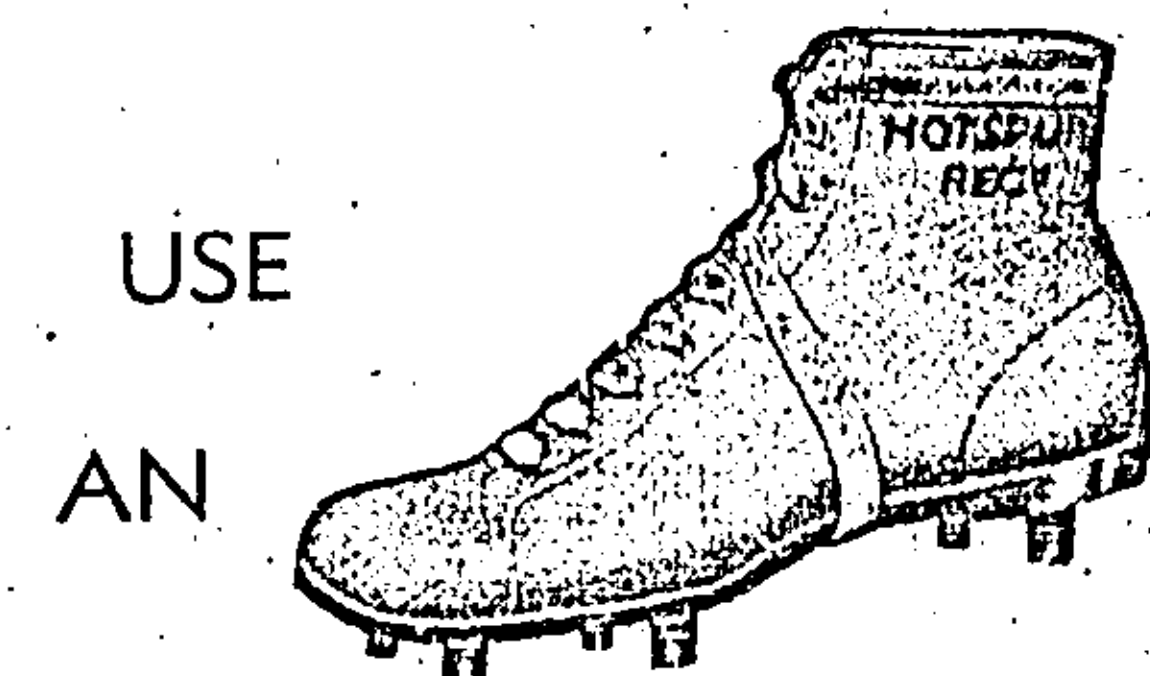
London, Aug. 2. A "Battle of the Atlantic" boxing tournament in aid of King George's Miners' Welfare Fund will be staged in London if plans materialise. The promoter, Sydney Hull, hopes to get three first-class American boxers down to England by a ferry plane this month. Mr Hull says he has been promised official approval if he can get the right men.—Reuter.

and K. M. Omar v. W. McLeod and W. S. Dail.

RINK CHAMPIONSHIP

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10
At Craigengower—P. D. Crisley, E. Kimm, S. Ecclesall and W. Burling v. W. McLeod, W. Harris, W. S. Dail and J. Shepherd. At Kowloon C.C.—K. M. Omar v. W. McLeod, W. S. Dail and U. M. Omar or J. E. Henson, P. A. Peckham, R. P. Phillips and A. Hyde-Lay v. R. D. A. E. Costa or J. B. Lamont and G. S. Rowlett or E. Strang, S. Strang, C. Strang and H. Strang. At Kowloon C.C.—J. M. Ecclesall and J. Shepherd v. G. E. F. Thompson and V. Searle or I. Gittins and W. J. Howard. W. Burling and J. N. Rakusen v. N. J. Debbington and J. P. MacGowan v. J. Dasto and G. M. Dasto. At Civil Service—S. R. Solina and M. A. Abba.

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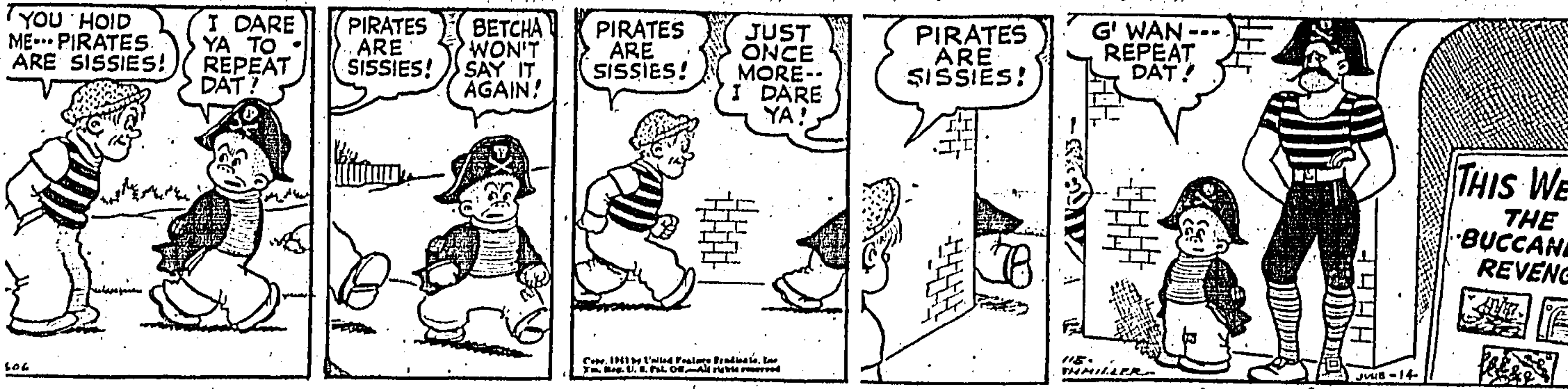
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'Dunkirk Nothing To This'

MEN from London and Manchester were among the last British troops from Crete to be brought to Egypt in safety by the Navy. "On Dunkirk and the battle-fields of Greece were nothing compared with this," they said. They all told of the terrific German air attacks, of how many of them limped over mountains to safety and of how General Freyberg, their Commander-in-Chief, planned in a cave details of their withdrawal. Among them were lorry drivers from London, exhausted and bearded.

"We thought everything was up with us when the Germans broke through the hills at night time," said one of the Londoners.

"We had fallen asleep as we were all in, but one of our fellows had picked up a Cretan puppy which gave the alarm as the Jerries crept towards us."

"The alarm enabled our machine-guns to open fire, and we killed many of the Germans and took some prisoners."

"One Nazi officer" admitted that they had not liked the bayonet charges.

One of the Tommies carried with him the puppy that had saved their lives.

It was in one of the soldier's boots, which he had removed and was carrying, while he walked barefooted with his feet bandaged.

THE story of the German attack on Suda was told by R.A.F. men, one of them from Sale, Manchester, another from Pamphre Heath, Basingstoke, and a third from North London.

"The Germans gave Suda everything they had until it was a roaring furnace," they said.

"It was funny to see the behaviour of the German prisoners under the machine-gunning. They absolutely panicked whenever their own bombers appeared."

"It would have been nice to have seen how they would have acted had we been able to bring into play the same numbers of planes and troops. As soon as the Germans realised we were evacuating the bombing of the evacuation ports went on day and night."

THE German technique was described by three young A.A. gunners from Blackburn. "It was perfect," they said. "They had every gun position photographed,

and sent over swarms of dive-bombers until they had silenced us." These boys had no smile or jest, but they did not complain. What they said was: "If only we had had air support. If we had only mined the dromes they would never have been able to use them," said another.

THAT WAS WHAT THEY ALL SAID-- "IF ONLY WE HAD THE PLANES--" "IF ONLY WE HAD MORE A.A. GUNS--" "IF ONLY WE HAD--"

CRETE'S evacuation is the Saga of the individual soldier.

It is the story of men who had already endured the worst bombing ever inflicted on mankind, and then used up the last ounce of their strength in a two-day mountain trek and they will remember all their lives.

They suffered hunger and thirst and cold and weariness and continual dive-bombing. The enemy was at their heels, and there was always the agonising possibility that their journey might prove vain.

Behind them a skeleton rear-guard fought action after action.

THREE British tanks and three Australian Bren carriers held the advancing Germans at bay while our troops retired to the beaches.

At 6 a.m., several companies of German tanks appeared over the mountain ridge, said a British captain. "We opened fire at long range--the tanks in a central position across the road, the Bren carriers deploying on either side."

"We made use of every bend in the winding road where we offered a fresh stand, halting the enemy and giving our retreating troops as many extra valuable minutes as possible."

"From a precipitous slope 400 yards from the beaches we looked over the deserted scene."

"Only a handful of soldiers were visible. We discovered that the hillside was honeycombed with caves stuffed to capacity with British, Australian and New Zealand soldiers--waiting for nightfall when British warships would take them on board by means of barges."

"When we reached the prepared British line we destroyed our tanks, leaving them to block the road."

THIS officer was wounded in the foot by a three-inch long splinter, and had to crawl to the beach, where he boarded a destroyer.

Once aboard, while dive bombers attacked the vessel, he was operated upon under what he described as "a good, old-fashioned and excellent anaesthetic"--consisting of six double runs and a shot of morphine!

ONE Australian reached Egypt after an Odyssey during which he touched the same points as Ulysses, the classical adventurer of Greek legend.

He was within sight of Mount Olympus when his battalion began withdrawing from Greece, and on the slopes of Mount Parnassus, he was slightly wounded by a bomb fragment.

Cut off from his unit, he reached the seashore where he met two other Australians.

They found a rowing boat, cut down and trimmed a tree which they used as a mast, fixed a blanket to it, and set sail for Crete.

They were blown on to a small island in the Aegean Sea, where Greek monks gave them food and sanctuary. Starting out again they reached Crete, where the soldier caught up with his unit.

There he took part in wiping out several batches of parachutists until he was struck down by two machine-gun bullets from a German plane.

A Cretan peasant woman bound up his wounds, and then he trekked over mountains to reach the coast. Back with his comrades, he received his fourth wound when a bomb exploded on the ship which was transporting them to Egypt.

Nazi Plan To Annex France

THE "DAILY HERALD" said recently that a "secret report" has reached London revealing Germany's intention of annexing 25,000 square miles of northern France if the Nazis win the war.

The Nazi plan of annexation was said to have been forecast in a report drawn up for the Vichy Government last February by Gen. Doyen, head of the French Armistice Commission at Wiesbaden.

"Over 25,000 square miles of northern France, centre of iron and steel, mining and textile industries will be annexed and 7,250,000 Frenchmen and Frenchwomen expelled," the paper said.

Use Natural Borders "These districts are to be colonised by Germans and France is to be reduced to her so-called natural frontiers--the basins of the Seine, Rhone and Garonne plus Brittany and the Central Mountains."

The "Daily Herald" said that it was significant that Pierre-Elie Flamand, former French premier, resigned from the Vichy Government a few days after the report reached Premier Petain.

He advised Petain, the paper said, that he was unable "in dignity and honour" to pursue a policy of Franco-German collaboration.

JAPANESE NAVAL OFFICERS ON BOARD TANKER

Refusal by Los Angeles harbour authorities recently of courtesies of the port to the Japanese merchant tanker, Kokuyo Maru, disclosed the presence aboard of Capt. K. Itakita of the Japanese Navy and 15 chief petty officers.

The Japanese Consulate declared the vessel was under charter to the Japanese Navy but harbour authorities held it had entered port previously as a merchant vessel and that there was no record of its changed status.

The Kokuyo Maru was loading 63,000 barrels of crude oil and 18,000 barrels of gasoline for Japan.



DIPLOMAT IN STYLE--Photo, just received, shows the new U.S. Ambassador to China, Mr. Clarence E. Gauss, riding in traditional native style to an official function in Chungking.

LACK OF FORESIGHT IN CRETE

Suda Bay Not Fortified

Crete must not happen again. It was not only aeroplanes we lacked, it was foresight, writes a correspondent in the "Daily Herald."

The Battle of Crete was lost, not this May, but last November.

We occupied the island so that we could use Suda Bay as a naval base. But no serious attempt was made to fortify it.

No shore batteries were set up and no system of prepared defences was established to protect vital spots. For a few months the old, last-war monitor Terror was in the bay as a floating fortress. But she was taken away around Christmas.

Malme airfield was built in a few weeks, but in the ensuing months there were no attempts to make underground hangars, which alone could have protected our aircraft.

In Three Weeks

Even when whole squadrons of fighter planes were destroyed on the ground in Greece nothing was done to improve the protection at Malme.

After six months in Greece we had not got enough airfields even for our few planes.

But within three weeks of occupying the country the Nazis had fresh landing grounds in use.

A senior Air Force officer said: "The Germans were quite ruthless. All male Greeks between the ages of 15 and 30 were conscripted to build airfields."

In the circumstances Crete was untenable.

Even Suda Bay was hardly worth anything to the Navy after Nazi planes had started a systematic series of blitz raids during the spring.

Warships just lay there as targets. As long ago as May 12 our intelligence knew that invasion was being prepared.

Troop-carriers stood wing-tip to wing-tip on Greek airfields. An air-borne division was massing in Athens.

Some place was going to be invaded and it did not need much imagination to realise that Crete was going to be the victim.

It Was Clear

It was quite clear we could not supply the needed air protection even for our two small airfields.

But it was decided to fight. Our men fought more bravely and took more punishment than any troops in this war.

No one can charge Crete's defenders with having let the side down. They did all and more than anyone could have expected.

But even the best troops get depressed when, for days on end, they see only the enemy's planes.

But there is a credit side to it. We certainly caused the Germans terrible losses.

Direct And Indirect Taxation

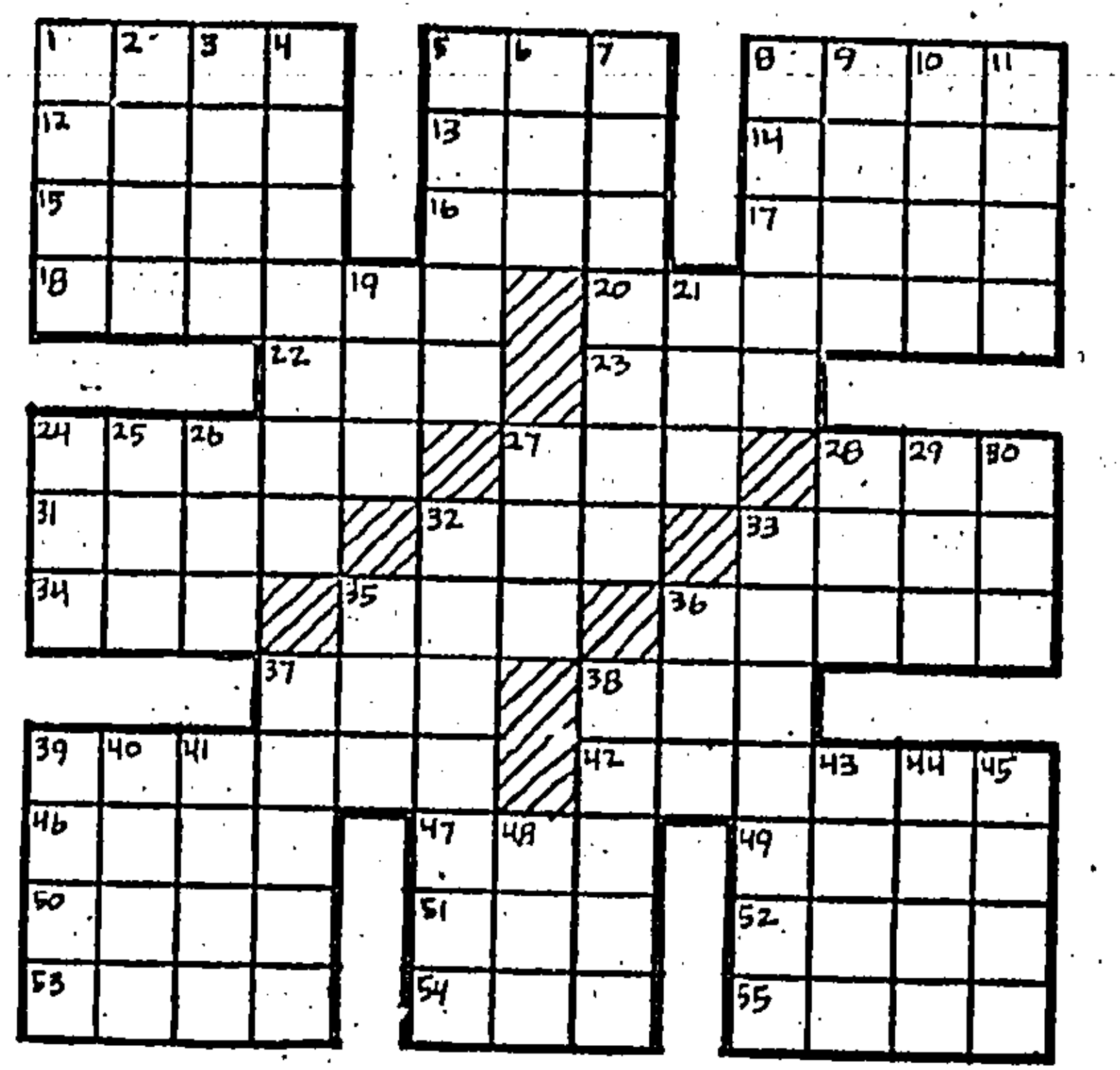
In reply recently to Mr. J. Tinker (Labour), the Chancellor of the Exchequer in the House of Commons gave the following figures of the percentages of direct and indirect taxation, showing the position before and after the 1941-42 Budget.

1940-41 (Exchequer estimate) 20.47 61.23
1941-42 (Existing basis) 20.53 64.37
1941-42 (Budget proposals) 22.55 67.45

Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

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Briton As Gauleiter In Channel Islands

An ex-public-school boy, son of naturalised British parents, is gauleiter and commanding officer of Nazi-occupied Jersey. This is revealed in a letter smuggled out of the Channel Islands.

The Gauleiter was, a few years ago, at Victoria College, the island's public school, and his parents lived in the island.

To-day, as Hitler's local ruler, he sits in Government House, former official residence of Jersey's Lieutenant-Governors, who each year presented the prizes to the present Gauleiter and his school companions.

Less than a mile away his old school is occupied by his German troops, who seized the priceless furniture from the island homes of Lady Trent and Lady Knott to furnish their new headquarters.

One of the Gauleiter's high officers in the occupying army is another old Victorian.

Son of an English mother, he was known at school by an English name. The smuggled letter reveals that his real name is Mueller.

On-Black List

From another source evidence indicates that for years before the war Gestapo agents were "spying out the land" in Guernsey and Jersey.

When German occupation troops were landed from troop-carrying "planes in Guernsey the head of the Gestapo ring in the island--a well-known business man--handed the commanding officer a "Black List"--a list of people who would be dangerous to the occupation if left at liberty.

All the people on that list who were trapped by the occupation have now been sent to concentration camps in occupied France.

Windmills Built

Windmills have been erected all over the islands for grinding corn and some officials have been sent to France under escort to buy provisions and seed.

The letter does not reveal the strength of the German garrison in the islands, but says that in order to stimulate goodwill German bands are playing in the parks.

Free dances and sporting events are held to encourage fraternisation with the occupying troops.

It is also revealed that Major Antoine, Constable of St Saviour, Jersey, and 88 British soldiers who were sent to concentration camps for it is alleged, helping to hide their sons.

NOT NERVOUS

Seven special neurosis centres have been set up by the Ministry of Health since the outbreak of war but at the height of the blitz only 27 cases were received.

Shipbuilding In U.S. Hits New High Mark

By Pierre Villero
United Press Staff Correspondent

NEW YORK, Aug. 1 (UPI).--The current shipbuilding programme of the United States has equalled and in some cases surpassed the peak pace of World War I, according to figures released by the Maritime Commission.

At the time of the Armistice in 1918, total production, including requisitions, amounted to 480 ships, aggregating 2,756,131 tons. The Maritime Commission's estimate of ships building in United States shipyards in 1942 is 3,500,000 tons.

In addition, the commission estimates that for the three years ending in December, 1943, shipyards will have turned out 9,000,000 deadweight tons of ships.

The national shipbuilding effort will involve expenditure of \$1,715,000,000. Shipbuilders are speeding up the pace, and are expected to hit their peak in March, 1942.

The "immediate goal" of the programme is the completion by Dec. 31, 1943, of 705 merchant vessels of all types, including both standard ships of the long-range programme and emergency vessels to be known as the "Liberty Fleet."

The construction effort is divided into three parts:

The commission's long-range programme, begun in 1938, which calls for the re-establishment of a stable and efficient American merchant marine. This specifies construction of 600 ships over a ten-year period.

The emergency national defence ship construction programme authorized by President Roosevelt

in January, calling for the building of 203 cargo ships of standardised design;

Construction of 222 merchant ships as part of the United States aid to Great Britain, authorised by the President in April;

Of these specified ships, 283 ships have been ordered in the long-range programme, and orders have been placed for all specified ships in the other two categories.

The existing construction plans will produce 1,250,000 deadweight tons this year, 3,500,000 next year, and 5,000,000 tons in 1943.

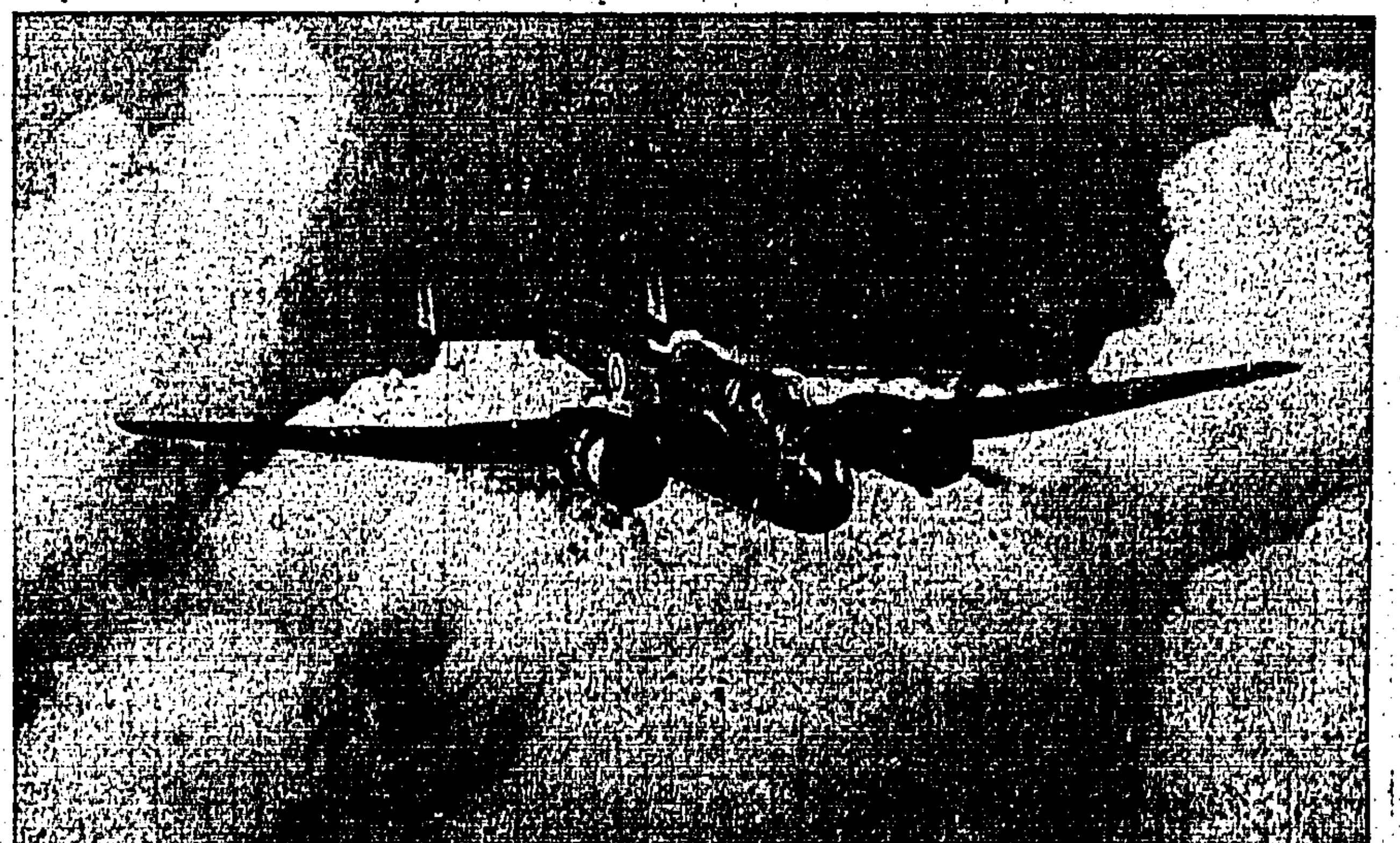
The reason for the sharp increases from year to year are primarily due to expanded shipyard facilities.

In 1937 there were nine active shipyards with a total of 44 ways capable of building deep-sea vessels. All were on the Atlantic coast.

When present construction facilities are completed later this year, there will be in operation 29 shipyards with 180 ways, not including Great Lakes yards or those building naval vessels exclusively. Seven yards with 51 ways have been built, and ten more ways will be added.

In addition, existing yards have built 42 new ways in their own plants.

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Fighting On Two New Russian Fronts

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the feature of the eastern campaign for the past week. It is considered that this third push by the Nazis may be the turning point in the war with conditions favouring the Soviets. Unlike the enemies' the Soviet lines of communications are being well maintained at the moment and if they keep these lines intact, the advantage should be on their side when the third test comes.

One situation which can be foreseen is that of the German Army being bogged in the Russian winter. This might happen if the third blitzkrieg, which is now being planned, proves vulnerable to constant attacks from the Russians who are naturally accustomed to the severe Russian winter.

Encircling Manoeuvre
LONDON, Aug. 3 (Reuter).—A claim that Soviet forces are threatened from the rear in the fighting between the Dniester and Bug Rivers is made in a communique from the Rumanian General Staff transmitted to Rome.

The communique states that German and Rumanian troops have continued their advance between the Dniester and Bug Rivers. Motorised troops in this sector have penetrated deeply into the Soviet lines and threaten from the rear large enemy forces.

An encircling manoeuvre which puts the Soviet forces in a serious position is developing, adds the communique.

Drive On Odessa
ZURICH, Aug. 3 (Reuter).—Held up before Kiev, the Germans are attempting a diversion in the direction of the Black Sea port of Odessa, according to Berlin reports received here to-day.

Interest in Berlin is now concentrated on this southern front, says the Berlin correspondent of the "Basler Nachrichten." German military circles claim that in the extreme south, the combined German-Rumanian force ordered to strike at Odessa direct, has crossed the River Dniester at several points near its mouth.

Wheeling To Thrust

Further north, the troops who crossed the river opposite Kishinev are reported to be wheeling toward the southwest to join in the thrust.

"The battle of encirclement," recently mentioned by the Germans as taking place 150 miles south of Kiev, is assumed to be connected with the Odessa drive.

Reports of new battles south of Kiev also show that "no notable territorial gains could be made in a direct attack on Kiev from the west, the Germans are hoping to relieve the situation by bringing fresh pressure to bear from the south."

Commenting on the "unrelenting severity of the fighting" on the Russian front, the correspondent says: "Reports of Russian counter-offensives and relief offensives show that there has been no relaxation in the fighting power or will to resistance on the enemy's side."

Bombing Nazi Bases

MOSCOW, Aug. 3.—German inability at present to bomb Moscow on a grand scale is due to a number of reasons, one being considerable Soviet activity in the systematic bombing of Nazi aerodromes not far from the front.

Graphic details of such bombings are reported in the Soviet press. Disappointment at the delays has greatly weakened the Nazis' self-assurance and is bewildering their soldiers who are accustomed to working to plan.

The Germans themselves are now experiencing the unpleasantness of Russian surprise tactics which as Alexei Tolstol, the famous Russian author, points out, have upset and unbalanced the not very intelligent average Nazi soldier.

Murmansk

The moral effect of the British bombing of Petsamo is excellent though there is little other news from that front. Murmansk, despite reports to the contrary a month ago, is certainly still in Russian hands. The German-Finnish movement around Lake Ladoga does not seem to have made any advance in the Petrozavodsk direction and is no longer mentioned in any of the communiques.

The attempted Finnish advance across the Karelian Isthmus is equally inconclusive but the push towards Leningrad from the southwest and the attempt to cut off Leningrad from Moscow in a bigger Nazi campaign Leningrad is in many respects self-supporting for defence whereas the

BERLIN RAID WAS "TERRIFIC"

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time as ourselves so the ground defences could not concentrate on one aircraft. Flying around we saw a lot of incendiaries go down in the west of the city.

"Our own bombs burst on the meeting point of two sets of railway lines. My rear-gunner said that he could see the lines quite clearly in the light of the bomb flashes."

Saw New Bomb

"As we were coming away we saw one of the new bombs go off. I had never seen one before. I caught sight of the explosion out of the corner of my eye and when I first saw it I thought it was a flare about 1,000 feet away, then I realised that it was far below on the ground. My rear-gunner called to me to tell me that he had a full view of it. It was terrific, he said, I think we gave the Berliners their money's worth all right."

One of the new bombs was carried in an aircraft piloted by a Wing Commander, who went to Berlin last night to celebrate, as he put it, the conclusion of five months in command of a bomber squadron.

Pleased With Results

A few hours after the attack, he handed over to his successor and took up his new job as ground captain commanding a bomber station. He said: "I did not know when I would be able to have another crack at the enemy and the chance was too good to miss. I was not disappointed. It was a good attack and we are all very pleased with the results."

A captain of a four-engined bomber, a Flight Lieutenant who has the D.F.C., said that he had no difficulty in finding the centre of the city. "Shells were only a few feet beneath us, but we got through. My rear-gunner told me that he could see clouds of black smoke coming up after the bombs hit the mark. Our flares had lit up buildings at which we were aiming."

Like A Volcano

Other crews reported a fire which "heaved like a volcano" and three huge explosions with a deep red glow over the city were visible when they were 80 miles away.

Hamburg was as fiercely attacked as Berlin, and great damage was done to docks, railways and industries, and there were good reports of an equally heavy attack on ship-building yards at Kiel. Thus the night's operations resulted in wide-spread destruction in three of the main centres of Germany's strength.

Summer Offensive

Last night's raid on Berlin was the second since the R.A.F.'s summer offensive opened. The last raid on the German capital was on July 25 when four-engined bombers also dropped some of the heaviest and most powerful bombs used right on the centre of the city.

Last night's recalls the statement of Colonel Moore-Brabazon, Minister of Aircraft Production, in the House of Commons on July 10 that "it will not be many months before raids like those on London will be child's play compared with the raids we will be able to make on Berlin."

Berlin, which is the centre of German railways, besides being a big industrial city, altogether has been raided nearly 50 times.

Nazi lines stretch on immense distance across most difficult terrain.

Smolensk and Hangow

Proof that the town of Smolensk is still held by the Russians is supplied by the fact that the Moscow Theatrical Company yesterday left for Smolensk to perform before the troops.

The defence of Hangow will probably rank among the most heroic stories of the war. Though frequently bombed and shelled the Russian base is still holding out and is even continuing to impede naval movements in the Baltic.

The Russians say that the Gulf of Finland is not, as the Germans pretend, thick with mines. "Like soup with meatballs," German mining from aircraft and casual mine-layers are sufficiently thin not to impede Russian naval movements as witness the repeated attacks on Nazi convoys bound for Finland.

A.R.P. Progress

Moscow A.R.P. is making big progress. Sand-bagging and boarding up of large windows in the main streets show that working is proceeding on a large scale. The latest A.R.P. measure is the order to paint attics and other exposed wooden parts with three coats of fireproof mixture composed of water, slaked lime, alum, sodium and salt.

Lawyer's Wife Granted Decree

Alleging adultery, Marie Hoahing, wife of a Singapore lawyer, Isaac Hunter Hoahing, was granted a decree nisi in the High Court recently by the Chief Justice, Sir Percy MacElwaine. The suit was undefended.

Mr Philip Haxell, appearing for the petitioner, said that the parties were married in a Roman Catholic church in June 1925, and had lived together until 1935, when differences arose and the parties separated.

The respondent, counsel said, agreed to give his wife a monthly allowance of \$150 and was continuing to do so. Early this year, counsel added, the respondent received information to the effect that her husband was living with a woman, as a result of which she began proceedings.

Following the evidence of the petitioner, a witness, F. Y. Tong, said that he had visited the respondent in his flat in Armenian Street on several occasions and to the respondent had been introduced as Lily Wee. Witness said that he had also known her as Wee Shwee Choo. He added that to the best of his knowledge they had been living as man and wife.

Sir Percy found that adultery had been committed and granted a decree nisi to be made absolute within six months.

LATE NEWS

\$6,000 Fire Damage To City Office

The premises of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha in Connaught Road Central, housing the Imports and Exports, Accounts and Comptroller's departments, presented a completely gutted appearance when viewed this morning. Burnt-out office equipment was strewn around the floor, which was covered with fragments of broken glass from doors and windows broken open by the Fire Brigade last night.

It is learned that damage to the premises, to the extent of \$6,000 was caused, but the actual value of the damage has not been assessed. The premises are owned by the Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Company, and are insured.

It is not believed that any valuable documents were lost, but whatever documents there were kept in the safes, of which the office contained five. Officials of the N.Y.K. have not had an opportunity to examine them as they have been sealed by the Police, but they outwardly present an intact appearance. These safes are stated to be fire resisting.

The staff who normally work in the gutted office have been accommodated in the General Office, which is across the passage forming the entrance to the upper floors of King's Building. Many of these employees arrived for work this morning to find Police guarding the entrances and their office in a chaotic state.

Police under Divisional Inspector F.J.T. Portallion—are continuing investigation into the outbreak. An electrical short circuit is believed to have started the fire, which broke out about 8.30 p.m., and was practically extinguished shortly after 10 p.m. It is not believed that any suspicious circumstances are attached to the fire, but Police say they are not yet in a position to make a definite statement.

An unconfirmed report states that two empty tins of kerosene were discovered hidden in a corner near the spot where the outbreak started. Police deny all knowledge of this.

The fire, though serious, has not affected premises on the upper floors, the tenants of which are continuing their occupation.

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Victor's Tale
Capt. Brinkmann calls reporters in Rio to a "victory" conference. He tells them: "This voyage proves that Germany always delivers the goods. We didn't even see a British ship." On March 29 the Leech sailed for Bergen, Norway, with a cargo of

valuable war materials—nickel, castor oil, mica, cotton seed. For days afterwards there are rumours about her. One put out by the Axis in the hope of deceiving the British Navy, says the ship has scuttled herself. Another is that a cruiser is chasing her. Then came the news of what really happened.

"The German freighter Leech," says an Admiralty communique, "has been intercepted by one of H.M. ships while on her way from a South American port to a port in Occupied France. And her valuable cargo will not now get to Germany."

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